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FIRST STEPS

KENTUCKY'S EARLY INTERVENTION SYSTEM



Contract Renewal

Providers! If you have not already read [Renewal Notification](#) please do so now. All the forms necessary for Contract Renewal are now available.

See this note from Jackie Neal:

Contracts are coming in a few

each day. Today I processed seven contracts and sent three back. All three I sent back were for the same reason. On page 3 of Form 5, the bottom of that page is concerning "Violation of Tax and Employment Laws." For some reason they either forgot to check one of the choices

or they forgot to sign at the bottom or they just ignored that whole section completely. They must check that they either have or have not violated the law and they must sign on the line below where it says "Second Party (Provider)." Thanks.

Early Intervention, Education & Child Welfare News

[Understanding Autism is On the Rise](#) Ramona Journal: Early intervention helps to reduce stims," said Zelle Hammond, autism consultant for the Ramona Unified School District.

[Heading off developmental trouble early](#) Clovis News Journal: The oversight can be costly. The early intervention program cannot serve children far beyond their third birthday...

Training Opportunities

[Early Childhood Trainers Institute](#)

Meth Training: During this presentation those who provide services to children and their families will learn the basics of Meth production and the hazards related to its production. Family dynamics that may negatively affect service delivery to children will be covered as well as ways to overcome common barriers to service delivery to drug endangered children and safety measures for home visitors. CEU's are available. (See tri fold AGENDA)

PSC

There are some questions that have arisen about the income field on the [Demographic Changes/POE](#)

[Home Visit Form](#) and the [IFSP Meeting Form](#).

1. Family Share: Family chooses \$100 a month instead of giving income - write "REF" in the income amount box and check category 6.

2. Medicaid: Write "0" in the amount box, check income category 1, and MAKE SURE Medicaid ID is put on the form. The children don't get Medicaid cards every month now. However, any time the PSC is verifying demo info/any change in family's situation, etc. they should ask if they are still on Medicaid.

3. Established Risk, PSC only: write "PSC only" in the amount box, write "PSC only" in the income category box (for now--this option will be added later).

Website Changes & Updates

[Point of Entry Contact List](#) updated

Help Wanted

The First Steps Quality Assurance Administrator is currently being [advertised here](#).

Helpful Links

[National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children](#) The Alliance supports a nationwide network of professionals serving drug endangered children by providing referrals to experts, updated research on topics concerning drug endangered children, and best practice information. [Also see Kentucky Alliance for Drug Endangered Children](#)

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Accomplishments Since Provider Forums

Improvement to the First Steps Web site

Providers now receive checks directly from the Kentucky Department of Treasury

Investigating ways to provide Direct Deposit for Providers.

Completed a survey on the use of the DOCS screening tool

Conducting a stakeholder meeting on May 2-3, 2006 with Federal Technical Assistance partners and Point of Entry staff in order to improve the 45 day timeline. Meeting will also include Primary Service Coordinators, First Steps Technical Assistance Team members, Parents, ICC members and a Primary Level Evaluator.

Working with organizers of the Infant Toddler Conference to establish a First Steps track for the August 2006 conference